

## Message Text

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TO AMEMBASSY LUSAKA PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMCONSUL LUANDA

AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EMIN, ETRD, PFOR, ZA AD

SUBJECT: ZAMBIA CONSIDERING AIRLIFT ASSISTANCE TO CLEAR  
GOODS STALLED IN LOBITO

REF: LUSAKA 1584

1. DEPT. APPRECIATES POTENTIALLY SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES  
TO ZAMBIAN ECONOMY OF PROTRACTED SUSPENSION OF COPPER  
EXPORTS AND HEAVY MACHINERY IMPORTS THROUGH ANGOLA.  
CONCUR IN AMBASSADOR'S VIEW THAT POSSIBLE DEPLOYMENT OF  
C-130'S TO MOVE 110,000 TONS OF STALLED CARGO IN LOBITO  
IS IMPRACTICAL. OBVIOUS PROBLEMS INCLUDE (A) LARGE NUMBER  
OF FLIGHTS REQUIRED, (B) PROHIBITIVE COST OF USAF TRANS-  
PORT TO GRZ, (C) UNCERTAINTY WHETHER LOBITO AIRFIELD ABLE  
HANDLE C-130'S, AND (D) WISDOM OF PERMITTING HIGHLY  
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VISIBLE USAF PLANES TO OPERATE IN ANGOLA AT THIS TIME.

2. SHOULD GRZ FORMALLY APPROACH USG FOR TRANSPORT ASSIS-  
TANCE, WE WOULD HOPE REQUEST WOULD BE MODEST AND WELL

THOUGHT OUT. WHILE WE APPRECIATE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE KAUNDA  
IS PLAYING IN ANGOLAN AND RHODESIAN SITUATIONS, WE DOUBT  
US COULD DO A GREAT DEAL TO CLEAR CARGO IN LOBITO. IF GRZ  
RAISES ISSUE INFORMALLY WITH YOU AGAIN, YOU MAY WISH  
SUGGEST ZAMBIANS THINK ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF ON-LOADING

LOBITO CARGO AND SHIPPING TO BEIRA OR OTHER EAST AFRICAN  
PORTS. ROBINSON

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